

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/087,034

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/21/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,6-12,18-20,29-31,33 and 36-38.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

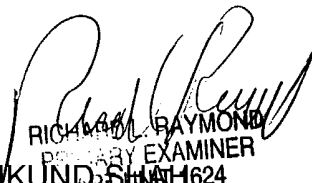
1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. Applicants' communication paper dated 5/21/04 is acknowledged. Together with their earlier amendment(s), applicants have cancelled claims 4,5,13-17,21-28, 32,34,35, and amended claims 1,18,29,31,36-38. Therefore, the claims under consideration are the claims 1-3,6-12,18-20,29-31,33,36-38, which are renumbered as claims 1-20 respectively.
3. The claims 1-3,6-12,18-20,29-31,33,36-38 as now presented have clarity and are definite. Therefore, the rejections made under 35 U.S.C. 112 paragraph second are withdrawn.
4. Applicants' cancellation of claims and various amendments as stated earlier, have been considered together with their remarks and arguments, and found persuasive for withdrawal of rejections made under 35 U.S.C. 112 paragraph one. Therefore, these rejections are now withdrawn.
5. The closest prior art of record reference Suzuki et al (EP 974576) teaches method of producing benzamide derivatives. See abstract, compound 9 in page 5, Compounds 17-1 to 17-3 in page 9, and claims 1-29 in pages 23-30.
6. The reference '576 differs from the instant claims by not having a tetrazole ring connected to phenyl ring by a -CH<sub>2</sub>- bridge, but by a diazole ring connected to phenyl ring by a -CO-bridge.
7. The reference '576 does not indicate or suggest to arrive at the instant claims having a core: "Phenyl-Benzofuran-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CO-NH-Aryl- (CH<sub>2</sub>) n-COOH/Tetrazole".
8. Therefore, the instant invention of Group I (old group II), wherein A = Aryl, G1 = Benzofuran, G2 = non-heterocyclic group, is deemed to be novel and patentably distinct.
9. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sudhaker B. Patel, D.Sc.Tech. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0671.
11. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00 pm (Monday-Thursday). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Mukund J. Shah can be reached on (571) 272 0674 or Sr. Examiner Mr. Richard Raymond at (571) 272 0673 or Mr. James O. Wilson at (571) 272-0661.
12. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703 308 4556 for regular communications and 703 308 4556 for After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this

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